

May 14, 1986

Orpha Holdhusen

Funeral services for Orpha Holdhusen, 88, of Bethesda Home of Aberdeen, were held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 9 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. Allen Lang officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery. Mrs. Holdhusen died on Monday, May 5 at St. Luke's Hospital.

The casketbearers were Dan Holdhusen, Sioux Falls; Doug Holdhusen, Rapid City; Keith Nelson, Brookings; Jim Arhelger, Boston, Mass.; Eric Arhelger, Monroe, La.; Bruce Holdhusen, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Chris Holdhusen, Seattle, Wash. The organist was Estelle Knudsen and the soloist was Chris Sanderson. The ushers were Cliff Padley and Al Swanson.

Orpha Hoover was born on January 28, 1898 in Columbia to Harry H. and Jennie Kilpatrick Hoover. This is where she attended school. She attended Northern Normal in Aberdeen from 1914 to 1916. She then taught school in Stratford, Columbia and Houghton. On June 9, 1921, she was married to Frank Holdhusen in Columbia. They made their home in Houghton where they operated the General Merchandise Store and Post Office. They lived in Houghton until 1949 when they moved to Aberdeen and later to Watertown. Mr. Holdhusen died on October 29, 1954. Mrs. Holdhusen returned to Northern State College and received her B.S. in 1956. She taught for two years in Westport and then for 12 years in Lennox. In 1970 she retired and settled in Groton, living there for three years and then moving to Aberdeen. She became a resident of Bethesda Home of Aberdeen.

Mrs. Holdhusen was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Aberdeen, the Zenaida Study Club, Aberdeen Women's Club, lifetime member of the Diana Chapter of the Eastern Star of Groton, member of Daughters of the Nile, a member of the World War I Auxiliary, member of the AAUW and a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of the Minerva Chapter of the Eastern Star of Aberdeen.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. James S. Holdhusen, Minneapolis, Minn., and Gerry Holdhusen, Aberdeen; two daughters, Jean Nelson, Brookings and Dr. Roger B. (Patricia) Arhelger, Jackson, Miss.; four brothers, Kenneth M. Hoover, Sutton, Mass., Lester M. Hoover, Winter Park, Fla., Gerald G. Hoover, Yankton, and Robert G. Hoover, Prairie Village, Kan.; one sister, Eleanor Gilchrist of Chula Vista, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son, two brothers, three sisters, and one grandson.